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EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

The Elections.

From the Richmond Dispatch. The preliminary elections of Tuesday settle the question of the next Presidency in almost every man's mind, we suppose.

We conjecture that there will be no very vigorous fight over the Presidential election. The whole strength of the parties, including the influence of the press, has concentrated to influence the opinions and votes of men, having been exerted upon the struggle of Tuesday, we imagine that the defeated party will hardly continue the contest. It is clearly without hope.

That the canvass has been most wretchedly mismanaged is indisputable. The nomination made by the Democrats was the worst they could have made out of the list of leading aspirants they had before them.

There were two alternatives before the New York Convention—viz., to nominate a man with a view to his election, or to nominate one wholly upon principle. Chase would have done for the first; Pendleton or Hendricks for the second.

Mr. John Quincy Adams plainly foresaw this result. His speech at Columbia the day before the election was shaped to meet the exigency, and Mr. Adams deserves very great credit for his frankness, his honest and wise advice to the people of the South.

We can certainly do no better than to be cheerful, and hope for the best. We say to the people, in the language of Mr. Adams, "Call to your aid that grandest of all human qualities—self-control—and all will yet be well."

Revolt in Line of Battle.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

The returns, which at first afflicted the World by their bad shape, have finally reached our neighbor in a sufficiently intelligible form to enable it to find out what has happened. Its leading editorial on Thursday morning consisted of two columns of doubly-lengthened wisdom thereby evoked.

"Two reasons appear, in the absence of either of which our triumph would have been certain. These reasons are such as to show that a majority of the party are really on our side, and that the other party are really on our side."

"The bearings of this observation lays in the application on it." In other words—"We may succeed yet, if we can remove or neutralize these adverse influences, which have really nothing to do with the merits of the public question."

"The magnificent exercise of pluck" will not be exhibited. "The adverse influences" cannot be "removed or neutralized."

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THE EVER-VIGILANT DEMOCRACY.

On the Fourth of July, in Tammany Hall, the Democratic party, still great, and with the prestige of unexpected successes, stood at the dividing ways. It was almost persuaded to accept the issues of the war, to turn its back upon the past, apply itself to the questions of the day in the spirit of the day, and place a great statesman at its head.

It will be seen that we attach very little importance to the convulsions that are now agitating the leaders of the Democracy. They are merely an acknowledgment of the handwriting on the wall.

Friends! you see how the enemy's line is wavering. Once more let us take up our leader's heroic order, "Push things!"

Final Collapse of Santa Anna.

From the N. Y. Herald.

Santa Anna is again in trouble. Ever since his exile by the Juarez government this headless rooster has excited the pity of the world. All the arts of revolutionists have been exhausted by him in the vain effort to get an egg from which to hatch a full-blooded revolution in Mexico.

Without a doubt Santa Anna has been cruelly treated in all this business. He needs and will get the sympathy of many in our community. When such a society as Mr. Bergh's can prosper here there must certainly be a large class of sympathizers with one so cruelly treated as Santa Anna has been.

The Ever-Vigilant Democracy. From the N. Y. World. The great and gallant fight which the Democratic party has made in the October elections increases the pride which its friends feel in its success.

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